

**Paragonah Town Board
Regular Meeting
44 North 100 West, Paragonah Town Hall
January 13, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**

Attendance/Town Board: Mark Barton, Marge Cipkar, Earl Olsen, Mike Abbott, Connie Robinson (Mayor).

Others in Attendance: Jayne Stones (Town Clerk), Gerald Wolf (Town Maintenance), Ken Carpenter (Chief of Police – Parowan City), Stacey Carpenter, Wayne Rowley, August Franklin, Jeremy Franklin. Late: Mark Gower (Iron County Sheriff), Shirley Lister (Public Relations Representative – Paragonah).

1. **Call meeting to order:** Connie Robinson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Administer Oath of Office to newly elected Town Council members Mike Abbott and Marge Cipkar:** Jayne Stones administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council members Marge Cipkar and Mike Abbott.
3. **Adopt Agenda:** Mark Barton moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Earl Olsen seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Adopt minutes of December 9, 2015 regular meeting and December 16, 2015, special meeting:** Connie Robinson moved to adopt the minutes of the December 9, 2015 regular meeting and December 16, 2015 special meeting. Mark Barton seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Discuss Police Protection options and make decision whether to contract with Parowan City or Iron County:** Sheriff Mark Gower had not yet arrived to the meeting so decision was made to come back to this item on the agenda when he arrives.
6. **Submit Annexation Petition:** Town Council members reviewed an annexation petition and map submitted by Wayne Rowley, Jeremy Franklin and August Franklin. Connie Robinson suggested the Planning and Zoning committee review the annexation and make a recommendation before the Town Board makes a decision. Marge Cipkar said she will set up a Planning and Zoning meeting as soon as possible. Discussion took place concerning the number of building permits allowed each year for new homes. Two new homes a year are allowed. The town's policy has been whoever gets their building permit application completed first. Currently there is one building permit being processed for a new house in the Red Creek Subdivision. Duane Lamoreaux would like to build a home on his lot and Joe Free is going to put in a modular home on his lot, however, these will not count as new homes because they both had/have an existing home on their lots. The Amy's have requested an application also. The Town Board will have to decide if they want to stick with allowing just 2 homes a year or if they want to make an exception this year.
7. **Mayor's Report:** (Report given at end of meeting).

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8. Water Department Report: Connie Robinson asked Mike Abbott to work on getting certified as a Water Operator. Tom Milk is a Certified Water Operator but the town is supposed to have two. J.T. O'Neal is also one but he is only a part-time resident now. There is annual training each year in St. George that takes place towards the end of February or early March. Gerald Wolf said he usually goes. Suggestion was made that when Gerald does water repairs, if possible, Mike should go with him so he can become familiar with the Water system.

9. Power/Fire Department Reports: Mark Barton reported the power department is doing fine and hasn't had any problems. Mark said he and Mike Abbott attended a pipeline safety training class sponsored by Blue Stakes.

10. Cemetery/Planning and Zoning Reports: Marge Cipkar had nothing to report. She said she will set up a Planning and Zoning meeting as soon as possible.

11. Roads/Park/Building Reports: Earl Olsen thanked Mark Barton for plowing the roads during the last snow storm. The snow was so deep, people were having trouble getting into the Post Office and Town Hall. Jayne reported Royce Barton came and plowed the parking area. Question was asked if Gerald was no longer plowing the roads. Mark said it was easier for him to plow instead of waiting for Gerald to dig out of his house and come into town. Mark said he can help plow whenever needed. Suggestion was made the personnel policy for the town be reviewed and updated. Discussion took place concerning widening the road on 300 West. Comment was made 300 East is also very narrow. Earl said 300 East could probably be widened a few more inches.

5. Discuss Police Protection options and make decision whether to contract with Parowan City or Iron County: Sheriff Gower reported he was elected to protect the residents of Iron County and regardless of what happens, his department will still provide the same level of service they are providing now. He was very complimentary of Parowan's police department and said they have a very good working relationship and will support them as well. He explained he is not in charge of revenues but protecting citizens and he plans on continuing to do this. Town Board members thanked him and said he has been very good to work with. Ken Carpenter agreed that Parowan City and the Iron County Sheriff and his department have always worked well together and support each other. Parowan's department is small and the County has always been willing to help out if needed. He explained his department would be happy to help Paragonah, but the decision would have to be made by the Parowan City Council and City Manager. They would have to sit down and look at what level of service Paragonah wants and how much it will cost but he said he feels they could work something out. His department will also continue to respond to calls in Paragonah no matter what is decided.

After much discussion Earl Olsen commented if the Iron County Commissioners will not accept the \$12500 the town really has no choice but to contract with Parowan. Connie Robinson said

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Justin Wayment already told the Commissioners Paragonah will not go any higher than \$12500.

Marge Cipkar moved Mark Barton meet with the Commissioners and if they will not accept the \$12500 then we should contract with Parowan. Motion was not seconded. More discussion took place. **Connie Robinson moved that Mark Barton should meet with Parowan City before the Commissioners meeting on January 25th and the Paragonah Town Board should wait to make a decision depending on what happens at this meeting. Mark Barton seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.**

7. Mayor's Report: Connie Robinson reported Senator Hatch and Lee are still working on legislation regarding prairie dogs and are waiting for a decision to be made. Discussion took place concerning radicals in our area including ISIS. Ken Carpenter said police officers have been receiving training on signs to look for and how to provide protection from these groups. Off duty officers are encouraged to carry a weapon at all times.

12. Open Discussion: Wayne Rowley requested the Planning and Zoning meeting be held as soon as possible so that they can apply for a building permit. Comment was made the town needs to be cautious when dealing with Parowan and remember how things turned out with the power plant. Make sure the town gets something in writing.

13. Adjourn Meeting: Connie Robinson moved to adjourn meeting. Mark Barton seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.